



# SUNRISE SALUTE

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## News from the Rotary Meeting of March 30, 2009



2008-09 RI Theme

*Leading the Way  
At San—Lee*

President Terry Mullen opened the meeting with the 'Quote of the Week': "A man who has never gone to school may steal from a freight car; but if he has a university education he can steal the whole railroad." -Teddy Roosevelt.

Mike Thomas led the Rotary invocation

Fred Stuart led the Pledge of Allegiance .

Rotary guests Vernon VanBruggen from Jonesboro Rotary and his wife Mary Lou were recognized

President Terry Mullen led the four way test to close the meeting.



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## Good News

- Kevin Kirkman challenged the membership to bring large boxes of no-milk-needed cereal along with other items to the next meeting for Back Pack Pals. Back Pack Pals is now serving 225 kids and needs lots of food for the kids over the long Easter vacation from school.
- Neal Jensen and several other Rotarians helped with the Civitan Club Pigs and Kids event where over 700 meals of barbecue were served.
- Raymond Womble announced he was chosen as new car salesman of the year for Lee County and surrounding area.
- Terry Mullen shared with the membership a visit with his grandchildren.
- In the 'Good News Sports' report Leslie Cox and NC State have transitioned from basketball to baseball and announced a double hitter win over Virginia Tech. Ed Mishler and Larry Mintz were bragging on the Purdue and Maryland ladies teams respectively. Mike Thomas reminded everyone that UNC is still in the March Madness dance, and Paul Dauphin put in a plug for the Carolina Hurricanes hockey team.

## Club News

- Pete Straka has asked for a hopefully short leave of absence.
- Neal Jensen announced there will be no morning meeting on April 13<sup>th</sup>, Easter Monday, and Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, San-Lee Rotary Charter Night. The Charter Night celebration will be held at Buffalo Lake Club House.
- Neal also announced that San-Lee Rotarians have agreed to serve as team leaders for various events and missions during the Rotary year, Hayden Lutterloh for Breadbasket, Kevin Kirkman for Back Pack Pals, Larry Mintz for Hunger Walk.